



Memorandum

TO: City Council**FROM:** Mayor Ron Gonzales**SUBJECT:** Donation of the Pasetta House
to the City**DATE:** June 8, 2005**Approved****Date**

6/8/05

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of a Donation Agreement between the City of San José and Robert J. Bettencourt for the Conveyance of the Pasetta House Located at History Park.

BACKGROUND

The Pasetta House is a one-story neo-classic home built in 1905 by Anna and Mateo Pasetta at the corner of Saint James and Terraine Streets. After eighty years, the house was saved from demolition and moved to San Jose's History Park by Mr. Pasetta's grandson, Robert J. Bettencourt.

Following renovation, the Pasetta House is now open to the public. It showcases the Leonard McKay California art collection, an extraordinary collection of paintings that includes scenes of early downtown San Jose and features artists such as Astley Cooper and Andrew Hill. The house and the collection opened to the public on March 12, 2005.

Under this agreement, the City will accept the donation of the Pasetta House so that it can be a permanent feature of History Park.

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Exempt, File No. PP05-132"